## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary Action against Sri A. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, (Retd) Eluru, (WLM) - Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of withholding of 5% cut in Pension for a period of one year - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 2

Dated:03-01-2015 Read the following:

- 1. From PCCF Letter Rc. No. 19737/2006/K1, Dated: 17.6.2009.
- 2. Govt Memo No:4148/For.IV/A1/09-1., dt: 18.7.09.
- 3. Govt Memo No:4148/For.IV/A1/09-2., dt: 07.08.2009.
- 4. From PCCF Lr. Rc. No.19737/2006/K1, Dated:04.10.2013.
- 5. Govt Lr. No:4148/For.IV/A1/09-3., dt: 20.02.2014.
- 6. From the Secy. (FAC) APPSC Lr.No.716/RT/3/2014, Dt:11.12.2014

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## ORDER:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri A. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) Wildlife Management Division Eluru, vide Rc.No.19737/05/PXA(i) dt.20.7.06, on the following count.

## <u>Article -I</u>

"That he had neglected his duties in disposal of the seized produce i.e. fish involved in O.R.No.17/05-06- WLM Range Eluru dated 10-11-2005".

- 2. The Charged Officer has submitted explanation on 30.8.06. Not satisfied with the explanation of Charged Officer, the Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Eluru and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife, Eluru were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively for detailed enquiry in to the matter. The Inquiry Officer has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings in which he has concluded that the Charged Officer, has not followed the procedure to dispose off the fish, on the pretext of "Ayyappa deeksha" and also engaging himself with Kolleru Operations. Hence charge levelled against him is proved beyond reasonable doubt.
- 3. The findings of the Inquiry Officer have been communicated to Charged Officer, for seeking further defence if any. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of findings on 19-3-09 and not submitted his further defence statement within stipulated time. As seen from the records and findings of the Inquiry Officer that the direct involvement of the Forest Range Officer is not found in the episode, he utterly failed in dealing the seized vehicle along with perishable fish, which was entrusted by the higher officials like Dist. Collector and Divisional Forest Officer. Further it is noticed careless attitude of the Range Officer in discharging his legitimate duties, lack of supervision and non-guidance to the sub-ordinate staff to the extent required are proved his guilty.
- 4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the Inquiry report along with connected record and remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government observed that, the careless attitude of the Forest Range Officer in discharging his legitimate duties, lack of supervision and non-guidance to the sub-ordinate staff to the extent required are proved. Hence, it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in Pension for a period of one year against the Charged Officer Sri A. Satyanarayana, Forest Range Officer, (Retd) Eluru, (WLM) under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

- 6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference  $3^{\rm rd}$  read above. The Charged Officer did not submit his explanation. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference  $6^{\rm th}$  read above.
- 7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year against the Charged Officer Sri A. Satyanarayana, FRO, (Retd) Eluru, (WLM), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

## Copy to:

The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to Lr. No. Lr.No.716/RT/3/2014, Dt:11.12.2014)
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER